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25X1 1. [] - JSW) Telephoned the office of Congressman L. Mendel Rivers in response to his letter of 8 June 1962. The secretary advised Mr. Rivers had returned to town and that she would telephone later to advise when it would be convenient for me to see him.

25X1 2. [] - JSW) [] telephoned to alert us to a query that Senator Eastland has made to the White House concerning the Executive Branch position on whether Castro had been a communist in the past. Apparently the White House has gone to State Department and they are preparing a basic document on this which makes reference to [] and NIEs. [] wanted to alert us to this since apparently the Legal Advisor's office in State is into the matter and he is having [] go into it with a view of protecting Agency documents. He will advise if we can be of any possible assistance. 25X1 25X1

25X1 3. [] - JSW) Mr. Elder stated he had received a call from the DCI requesting that arrangements be made for him to brief the Russell and Vinson Subcommittees upon his return and suggested next Thursday. I explained to Elder that we already had the monthly meeting with the House group set for the 22nd.

Subsequently, I talked with Bill Darden who stated it would be difficult on Thursday since this is the day for the regular meeting of the Committee but perhaps he could work out something for Thursday afternoon or Friday afternoon. He will advise.

Mr. Robert Smart is out of town until Monday and I will reconfirm with him for a meeting on the 22nd.

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25X1 4. [] Discussed with Messrs. McNamara, Nittle and Appell, House Committee on Un-American Activities staff, certain changes or deletions in the testimony of [] in the transcript of 24 May 1962 and indicated that we would return the copy of the transcript held by us on Friday or Monday of next week. 25X1

25X1 6. [] Delivered to Senator Homer Capehart a blind memorandum dated 11 June 1962 and titled "Trials Involving Serious Economic Crimes in the Soviet Union" for transmittal to Mr. Feuerstein, President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations in America. Senator Capehart indicated that he would handle these items personally and requested that they be delivered to him rather than to his staff.

As an opening remark upon meeting with Senator Capehart, he stated that he wanted me to know that he had enjoyed his visit to the Agency on this matter last week.

25X1 7. [] Called Stanley Pleasant, General Counsel of USIA, to determine what action that agency was taking with respect to [] proposal for foreign broadcasts behind the Iron Curtain. 25X1 Pleasant indicated that their people had reviewed []'s proposal and that while there had been some mix up in the correspondence with [] USIA did not think too highly of his idea and would not provide support. 25X1 25X1

25X1 8. [] At his request, I met with Mr. McHale, in the office of Senator George A. Smathers. McHale gave me a letter which had been forwarded to him by a [] This [] in turn was forwarding a translation of a letter from a friend in [] describing conditions there. McHale thought this might be of interest to our people. We will pass this on to [] 25X1 25X1 25X1

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10. [REDACTED] Dropped by to see Charles Johnson, of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff. Johnson indicated that there is considerable amount of pulling and hauling between the Committee and the White House and even among members of the Committee in connection with pay legislation now pending before that Committee. Johnson expressed personal concern over these developments since he was largely responsible for convincing Chairman Murray that he should introduce the Administration's pay reform bill. We discussed again the possibilities of having Johnson and John Martini, of the Committee staff, out for a visit to the new building and I left with Johnson security clearance forms to be completed by Martini and return to us.

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